

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Whitfield, et al.  
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TITLE: Method and Apparatus for Early Detection of DTMF Signals in Voice  
Transmissions over an IP Network

**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

I, Michael Whitfield, declare as follows:

1. I am a co-inventor of the subject matter described and claimed in the above-referenced United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/418,397, filed October 14, 1999, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Early Detection of DTMF Signals in Voice Transmissions over an IP Network."

2. I declare that I conceived invention of the subject matter of the above-referenced application in France and the United States, as defined by its pending claims 1-81, prior to October 26, 1998.

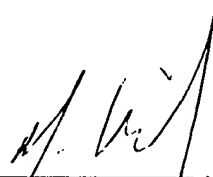
3. To evidence conception of invention of the subject matter of the above-referenced application in the United States, attached hereto, please find a copy of the Innovation Disclosure describing my invention having Docket No. 99RS023, entitled "Use of Early DTMF Indication to Suppress DTMF From RTP Voice Packets", which was entered into Rockwell International's Innovation Disclosure Database on October 21, 1998.

4. I declare that the enclosed Innovation Disclosure evidences conception of invention of the subject matter of the above-referenced application in France and the United States prior to October 26, 1998.

5. I declare that the present invention, as defined by claims 1-81 pending in the above-referenced application, was reduced to practice at Rockwell International Corporation in France and the United States at 4311 Jamboree Road, Newport Beach, California 92660, using due diligence after conception of invention of the subject matter of the above-referenced application.

6. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine of imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-referenced patent application or any patent issuing thereon.

27 Jan 2004  
Date

  
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Michael Whitfield